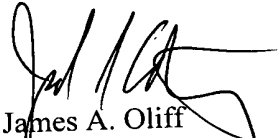


REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending. Claim 4 is amended to eliminate multiple dependencies and claims 5 is added to compensate for the subject matter deleted from claim 4. The attached Appendix includes a marked-up copy of the claim (37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(ii)). Prompt and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

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Appendix

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APPENDIX

Changes to Claims:

The following is a marked-up version of the amended claim:

4. (Amended) The blower according to claim 2 ~~or 3~~, wherein said case portion is provided with cooling fins disposed at the outer peripheral wall thereof.

Claim 5 is added.